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Mr. Lawrence W. Bierlein General Counsel COSTHA 3000 K Street, N.W., Suite 300 Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Bierlein:

This is in reference to your letter dated March 6, 1995, on behalf of COSTHA, requesting an amendment of 49 CFR 173.150 to provide an exception for certain ethyl alcohol solutions from the Hazardous Materials Regulations. Specifically, you request that the exception apply to food, cosmetics and medicines containing ethyl alcohol solutions packed in inner packagings of 500 ml or less for shipments by passenger aircraft and five liters or less for shipments by other modes.

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under § 106.31 and assigned number, P-1268. If you should write to us regarding this petition, please make reference to this petition number.

Sincerely,

Verdell M. Simpkins, Regulatory
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